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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2839  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Haruki YOSHIDA, et al.

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Examiner: Thanh Tam T. LE

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-9, 12 and 13 have been examined and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

**I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Ichida et al (US 6,851,976) and Applicant's Submitted Prior Art Figure 3 (APA)**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 5, 7-9, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ichida in view of the APA.